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1. The airfield was located northeast of Kirsanov (52°38'N/42°43'E), Tambov Oblast. The landing field was an unfenced meadow sloping to the east. There was a 40 x 2,000 meter runway, apparently with a concrete surface. *
2. The field had a three-story white administration building, a building 15 meters square, presumably with connections to an underground fuel installation, and eight to 10 earth bunkers.
3. The airfield was heavily occupied. An estimated 70 to 80 single-engine fighters, 40 to 50 IL-2 type ground attack planes and 150 twin-engine planes were permanently stationed at the field. Daily individual and formation flying was seen.
4. Large formations of fighter and twin-engine aircraft frequently made intermediate landings at the field. After refueling they took off again.

Attachment: Sketch of Kirsanov airfield.

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